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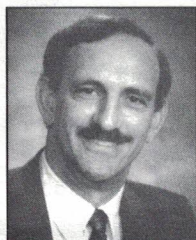


The Official Newsletter of the Libertarian Party of California

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San Diego Libertarians Defeat Tax

Rider and company close the book on library tax!



Richard Rider

San Diego Libertarians have once again struck a blow for taxpayers by defeating a measure that would have "temporarily" increased the sales tax in that county by 1/4 of a percent. Measure L, on

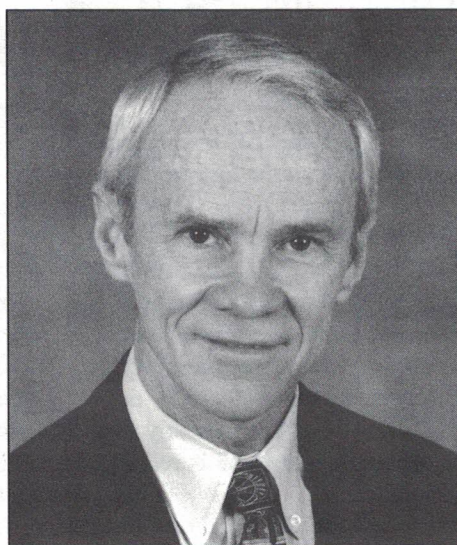
the ballot in a special election held March 2nd, would have cost the average family of four \$112 per year.

Proponents of the tax called the special election, hoping that low voter interest and turnout would give them an advantage. But thanks to publicity generated by Libertarian activists, enough concerned citizens came out to defeat the tax. The measure would (continued on page 8)

Green Party Victory Another Sign Of Two-Party Collapse

Green Party candidate Audie Bock's narrow victory in a March special election for the 16th Assembly District seat comes as "no surprise" and "drives another nail into the two-party coffin," according to LPC Chair Mark Hinkle.

"First came Jesse Ventura's victory in Minnesota last year, and now this. Libertarians have been predicting for some (continued on page 8)



David Bergland

Success '99

Seminars for Libertarian activists and candidates returning to California!

Would you like to learn how you can be a more effective activist for Liberty? Are you considering being a candidate, or working on a campaign? If so, then you should plan to attend one of the two *Success '99* seminars sponsored by the national Libertarian Party, coming to California in May.

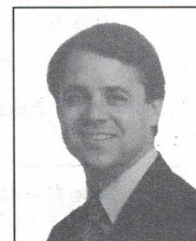
This year, *Success '99* will travel to about 25 cities across the country; here in California, it will take place in San Jose on May 15-16, and in Anaheim on May 22-23. Mark your calendars! Activists who attended last year's seminars gave them very high marks, and this year's events promise to be every bit as good, and possibly better! Participants at the first *Success '99*, held in Orlando, Florida, said that the workshop was better than the equivalent ones sponsored by the Republican and (continued on page 4)

Future of Freedom Foundation Comes West

Jacob Hornberger and others to speak in Anaheim

The liberty-loving firebrands of The Future of Freedom Foundation are coming to the Golden State for a special one-day seminar in May — and if you like your libertarianism bold and provocative, then this event is definitely for you.

The seminar will take place May 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Sheraton Anaheim. Its purpose is to celebrate the publication of two new FFF books: "Your Money or Your Life — Why We Must Abolish the Income Tax" by Sheldon Richman, senior fellow at FFF and editor of *The Freeman*; and "Freedom in Chains — The Rise of the State and the Demise of the Citizen" by James Bovard. Both authors will speak at the event. (continued on page 8)



Jacob Hornberger

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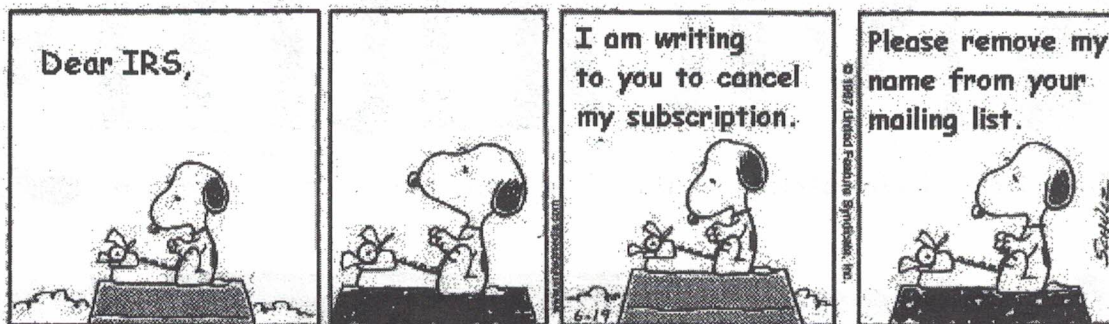
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LETTERS



Paying Our Dues

Each year most of us get the LP membership renewal notices, finally fill out the form and send in our \$25. This is costly to the party, wastes our time and increases the chances of a lapse or break in membership. Each time we pay, the records of the national, state and local party have to be correctly updated, and each time an error can occur.

Given the low cost, I suggest we consider paying multiple years of membership at a time. Everybody saves. You don't get costly and annoying letters, administrative time is reduced, and errors are avoided.

In addition, it's time we started putting extra bucks in the envelope. After all, the \$25 doesn't do much more than cover the costs of the various publications we receive as members. Given that our dues revenue has actually *dropped* under the single dues payment plan, we should dig into our pockets to put more money in the pot.

Of course, if you have it, pay the \$1,000 lifetime membership, and forget this renewal nuisance altogether!

Perhaps the ideal arrangement is to pledge a monthly contribution, which gives the party a steady, predictable cash flow and can also count as membership dues. Freedom ain't cheap, so do what you can to arm our Libertarian warriors with the resources to carry on the fight.

RICHARD RIDER
San Diego, CA

We'll Take That as a Compliment

The February 22 issue of *The New Republic*, featured another anti-gun diatribe, but I was particularly interested in this statement: "Ultimately, the NRA's principled opposition to one-gun laws slides into pure libertarianism — in its most undiluted and antisocial form." One more good reason to belong *both* to the party of principle and the NRA! I wonder how many others think of liberty as antisocial?

KEN MARSH
Byron, CA

Modify, Not Compromise

You state that "The LP does not advocate gambling; however, it champions everyone's right to engage in any peaceful activity that they chose, so long as it does not harm others. That includes activities many individuals find unhealthy or immoral, such as recreational drug use — and gambling." [Letters, January 1999]

This has been LP policy for as long as I can recall but I think we should modify our argument without compromising our stand.

How can we "not advocate gambling" and yet "champion" the right to do it? We know that many who freely chose to take up addicting, debilitating, mind and reaction time altering substances do go out and harm others while under the influence; that those who succumb to the stuff end up needing more drugs than they can afford so they go out and harm others so they can get enough money to support their habits. I know this is where the party line changes: You can get addicted, but please don't rob anyone to support your habit.

The modification should be: The LP believes the state is the worst possible arbiter and enforcer of morals. Therefore, the home and the church should have exclusive domain over morals questions. In short: we should stop championing self destructive behavior and start a campaign to get the parents and families involved, and get the government out of the morals regulation business.

Our present position leaves the LP open as the party of choice for everyone involved in the self destructive trades. Do we need this baggage?

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Executive Committee Meeting Summary

LPC officers and Reps meet in San Diego in March

by Joe Dehn

The Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California met in San Diego on March 20th.

The Northern and Southern Vice Chairs provided written reports and reviewed their recent activities and some future plans, highlighting efforts to activate various inactive regions.

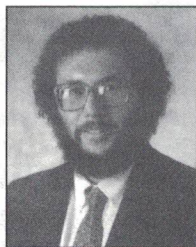
The Treasurer outlined steps taken in transition from the previous Treasurer and provided preliminary financial statements based on the information he had been able to access since being elected. The Treasurer was asked to investigate state and national reporting requirements that may apply to the LPC relating to taxes and political finances.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with minor corrections.

The Chair reported that the Operations Committee had authorized hiring David Bergland as counsel for the Blue Ribbon Committee (on Kubby / Proposition 215).

The Executive Director provided a written report and reviewed his activities. Topics covered included media, meetings with government officials and others concerning medical marijuana and a bill affecting candidate petitioning, registration statistics, and telemarketing. There was discussion of a formal job description provided by the Director for his job; this was adopted by the Committee with some minor amendments.

The committee studying the "Reality Growth Plan" made two recommendations: that e-mail notice of the online LPC Monthly be promoted as an alternative to mailing the printed edition, and that the Director be assigned to assemble a list of experts who can advise activists on various topics and that this list be made available to members statewide. After some



Joe Dehn

discussion, both of these recommendations were adopted.

The Newsletter Editor Selection Committee reported that four people had indicated interest in the job. The recommendation of this committee is expected to be submitted for a mail ballot of the Executive Committee before the next meeting. Perry

Martin was appointed to serve as chair of the Publications Oversight Committee upon his replacement as Editor.

There was an extended discussion of the Executive Director's contract. Topics included adjustments to salary and other compensation, confidentiality of compensation information, and addition of a 401K plan. A revised contract was approved. An increased limit for the Director's credit card was also approved.

Renewal of the contract with the data processing contractor (WithEase) was approved.

The budget for 1999 was ratified with a few modifications from the version initially adopted in November.

The Blue Ribbon Committee provided some updates on the Kubby matter and reported that it was recommending hiring Jack Dean's company to build a Proposition 215 web site similar in concept to the national DefendYourPrivacy site. After some consideration of the lack of competitive bidding, it was decided to authorize the Operations Committee to select a vendor and to spend funds donated specifically for this purpose on this project, up to \$15,000.

There was discussion of the effort to repeal Proposition 10 and what kinds of cooperation between the organizers and the LPC could be helpful.

Other topics briefly discussed included: who would be willing to serve on the Audit Committee, the possibility of reducing costs by skipping (continued on page 4)

A Taxing Time

by Juan Ros

George Harrison had it right: "Let me tell you how it will be / There's one for you, nineteen for me / 'Cause I'm the Taxman!"

The annual ritual known as "filing for income taxes" has passed — but it will return in 12 short months. In the meantime, government will siphon your wallet with an endless list of other taxes: estate, corporate, property, capital gains, sales, excise, FICA, tariffs and duties. There's also taxes on bridges and highways ("tolls"), parking (collected by parking meters), and careers ("licensing fees"); and countless bonds that increase taxes through the interest to pay them off — library bonds, school bonds, redevelopment bonds, etc.

Then there are all the compliance costs: Cato Institutes's David Boaz estimates that Americans spend 5.5 billion worker-hours each year on tax paperwork — the equivalent of 2,750,000 workers who could be producing goods and services!

Taxation is arguably the most important issue facing us. Libertarians can contribute to the end of taxation in different ways, including:

- Participate in an LP Tax Day protest. Every April, find out if your region is staging a protest and attend!
- Vote Libertarian. A vote for a Libertarian candidate is a vote to abolish taxes.
- Become a Libertarian candidate. We're always looking for good candidates to run for office on our platform — which includes ending taxation.
- Support the Libertarian Party — become a monthly pledger. Every dollar you give sends a message to the IRS: "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore!" You can sign up by using the form on the back of this newsletter, or call me at (818) 506-0200.

Help us turn April 15th into just another beautiful Spring day!

Juan Ros is the LPC's Executive Director. ■

From The Chair:

Political Brass Rings

by Mark Hinkle

We, as a Party, had three main goals for 1998:

- 1.) Increase our dues-paying membership to 7,000;
- 2.) Increase our monthly pledge base to \$6,000 per month;
- 3.) Maintain our ballot status.

Goal #3 has been accomplished; here's a progress report on the others...

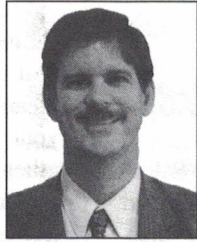
GOAL #1... The LNC will be sending another massive membership mailer to the libertarian-registered voters in May, and we should have another jump as a result. Meanwhile, the final results are in for our recent mailing to members who hadn't signed the pledge: we now have 62 "new" full voting members of the LPC.

GOAL #2... Our recent telemarketing campaign was a modest success, generating \$90 per month in pledges. A year ago, our pledge base was \$2,694.82 per month. Today, it's \$3,874.26 per month. That's an increase of \$1,179.44 per month in one year. That's good, but we have to do better to achieve our goal. Soon, I will *personally* be calling on many of you to ask you for your help. Please respond positively: our future success depends on you!

We will continue working toward these two goals until we have achieved them.

The main focus during my last term as Chair was party building. While that focus remains a priority for me, I also realize that we are a *political* party and therefore need to be out there testing our mettle in real world politics. To that end, I've set some ambitious but achievable political goals for 1999-2000...

1) **PRESSURE THE STATE GOVERNMENT INTO UPHOLDING PROP 215**, the Medical Marijuana Initiative, passed by voters in 1996. This issue has turned white hot recently, following the arrests of Peter McWilliams, Steve and Michele Kubby, and other cancer and



Mark Hinkle

AIDS patients.

The LPC has launched a web site patterned after the LNC's highly successful "Defend Your Privacy" web site. Following the LNC's model, it is our intention to make our government abide by Prop 215.

We have a *remarkable* opportunity here... Almost all of the older party incumbents opposed Prop 215. We endorsed it and the voters sided with us. Since the election, the polls have shown increased public support for 215, while most established politicians continue to oppose it. The LPC is on the right side *and* the popular side of this issue!

How often does *that* happen?

Please help us to end the suffering of countless cancer and AIDS patients at the hands of a callous government. This is only one battle in the fight to end the war on drugs, but it's one that we just might be able to win — with your continued support! We urgently need every one of you to sign up for our pledge program. Your pledges will help fuel our efforts to pressure the government to abide by the law — efforts which, if successful, will earn us enormous political capital!

2) **REPEAL PROP. 10**, the tobacco tax. Libertarian and President of Cheaper Cigarette Stores, Ned Roscoe, has committed to do "whatever it takes" to get an initiative on the 2000 ballot repeal Prop 10. He has asked for our help, and we intend to give it. To my knowledge, this will be our first serious effort to repeal a statewide tax. We have never had the resources to attempt a repeal of such a tax — until now!

3) **FIELDING 125 CANDIDATES** in the 2000 election. That would be another record-breaker for us, if we succeed — I think we can, but we need to get started now! If you are interested in running for office, please call Executive Director Juan Ros at (818) 506-0200 — he'll help you hit the ground running!

Until next month...thank you! ■

Success '99

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Democratic parties.

Success '99 is a dynamic, information packed, two-day leadership workshop that reveals the techniques of running successful political campaigns, and building successful local parties. At *Success '99* you'll learn...

- What the political mission of the Libertarian Party is, and why we know we can achieve it.

- How the national, state and local Libertarian Parties can work together to maximum effect.

- The one-and-a-half rules of successful local Libertarian Parties.

- The crucial importance of a campaign plan — and how to create good one.

- Winning your precinct.

- The importance of personality types in spreading the Libertarian message.

- Assembling a campaign team.

- Developing a media contacts list.

- Five tips for more effective press releases.

- Raising your first \$2,500 in 7 days!

- How campaigns and local parties reinforce each other.

- How to answer tough questions about Libertarianism in 30 seconds.

- How to get more people active in your local party.

Execom Meeting

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newsletter issues, prospects for major donor fundraising, a NOTA plan being proposed by initiative, and endorsement of some form of proportional representation.

It was decided to hold a "team building" meeting 1-2 May in the North, and the next regular meeting June 19th in the Los Angeles area.

This is only a summary of the meeting, and is not intended to be relied upon as a complete record of business. ■

And you will have ample time to ask questions of the guest speakers, including...

• David Bergland, former LP presidential candidate currently serving his third term as National LP Chair. Mr.

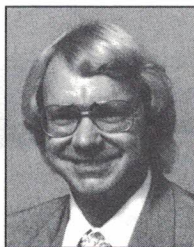


Steve Dasbach

Bergland is also well known as the author of the primer, *Libertarianism in One Lesson*.

• Michael Cloud, a professional speech-writer and fund-raiser, and one of the most respected and popular communication experts in the LP.

• Ron Crickenberger, winning cam-



Ron Crickenberger

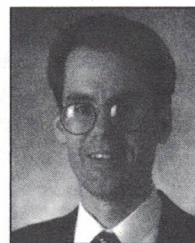
paign manager and currently the LP's Political Director.

• Steve Dasbach, LP National Director and past LP Chair (1993-98). As Chair, Steve orchestrated the greatest membership and budget growth in LP history.

• Bill Winter, LP Director of Communications and editor of *LP News*. As Chair of the LP of New Hampshire (1988-92), he guided the party to "major party" status and the election of four Libertarian State Representatives.

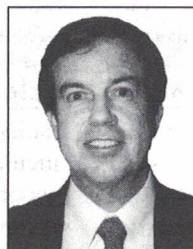
Don't miss the invaluable opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills you need to

succeed as a Libertarian candidate or activist! Registration for both days is \$79, which includes a Saturday lunch. To register for this event, use the coupon on page 9 of this issue.



Bill Winter

At the time we go to press, the exact location of each seminar has yet to be determined; however, that and other information can be obtained by telephoning event organizers, The Balcóm Group, at (202) 234-3880, or by visiting the *Success '99* website at: <http://www.lp.org/lp-s99-reg.html>. ■

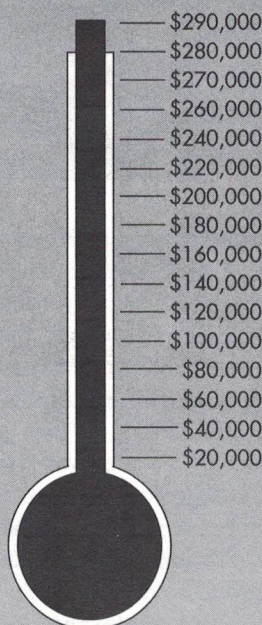


Michael Cloud

Growth Watch: January 1999

Revenue

Total To Date: \$291,499
Year End Goal: \$281,000



Help us Grow!

We're almost there -- please support the LPC with a one-time donation! Call (818) 506-0200!

Donations

January: \$2,894

Monthly Pledges

January: \$3,733



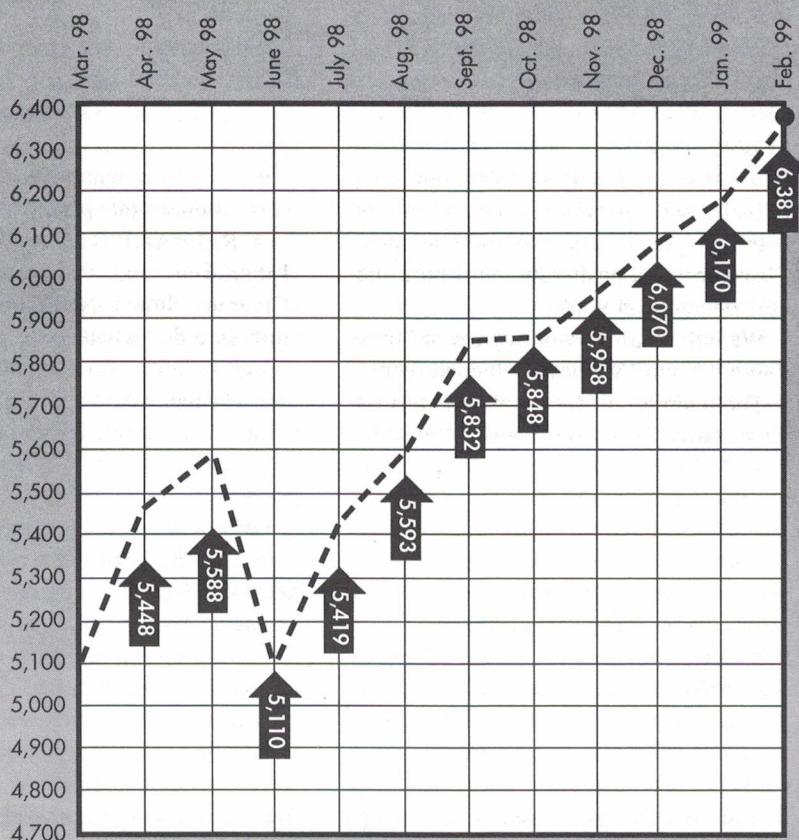
Help Us Grow!

Participating in the LPC's pledge program is probably the single most important thing that you can do to support the Party! To become a monthly pledger, use the form on back of this newsletter, or call (818) 506-0200. Please do it today!

Membership

January 31st: 6,381

1998 Goal: 7,000



The following is an edited transcript of the keynote address delivered by Libertarian speechwriter and fundraiser Michael Cloud at the LPC's 1999 Convention...

Michael Cloud: Thomas Jefferson once said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." With all due respect to Mr. Jefferson, I would like to correct him. He's dead now and can't argue with me! (audience laughs) I believe that the price of liberty is *personal responsibility*. But it is a price worth paying because the benefit is beyond price.

Eric Fromm once wrote, and I paraphrase: "People fear freedom. They kiss the hand that slaps them; they lick the boot that kicks them. They are born free and begging for chains." Well, he was wrong too. People are not trying to escape liberty; they are trying to escape personal responsibility. And it is with that Judas bargain that government persuades us to sell our souls, piecemeal, to the lowest bidder.

A few years ago, I had a conversation with Harry Browne about his book, *How I Found Freedom In An Unfree World*. I said, "You know, you could've just as easily called your book *How I Found Responsibility In an Irresponsible World*," and Harry smiled and said: "Yes, but then I wouldn't have sold any copies!"

Ladies and Gentlemen, America is awash in a sea of irresponsibility. Irresponsibility is how we got into our problems, and responsibility is how we're going to get out of them. The Libertarian Party is the party of personal responsibility; and I believe that is through a call to responsibility that we will win the hearts and minds of Americans.

Contrary to popular belief, government does not grow by seizing Liberty; it grows by assuming responsibility.

Responsibility is a heavy burden. Government bureaucrats will tell you that. Listen to them explain what a heavy burden it is for you to educate your own children. According to them, you're not up to it and shouldn't even be allowed to try. Instead, the government promises

parents to turn their children into functional illiterates at someone else's expense — the myth of the free lunch.

And it doesn't stop there... Government says to us: "Look at all the poor, the needy, the lame, the infirm! There are so many of them! That's too much of a burden for you! Let us take that responsibility off your shoulders! And what a huge burden is health care — let us assume responsibility for your medical needs! And what about planning for your own retirement — that's too much for you! Let us take care of you in your golden years! And look at all the earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, fires and floods — only we are capable of assuming the heavy burdens of these disasters!"

Government, you see, is a welfare pusher: it wants to turn us into dependency junkies.

And too many Americans believe that there just *might* be a free lunch after all; so they allow the government to shoulder their burdens, and make the Judas bargain. For a few pieces of silver they trade away their most priceless possession: freedom.

Because, you see, responsibility and liberty are two sides of the same gold coin: you can't have one without the other.

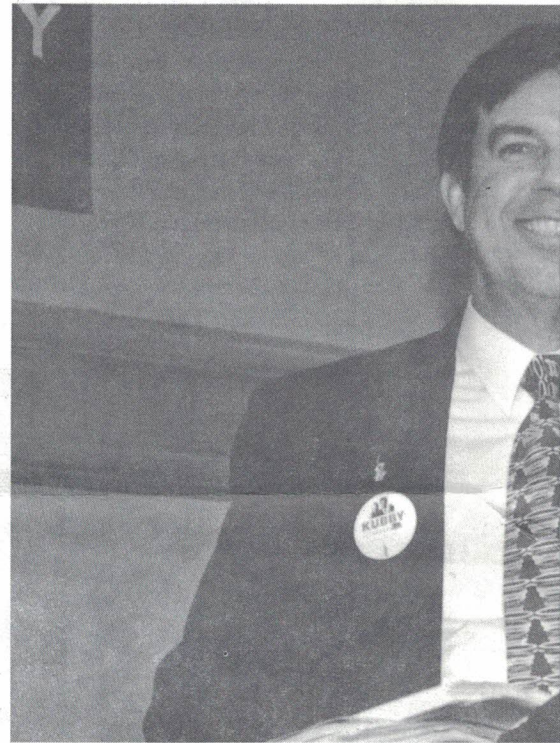
When we surrender our responsibility for a problem, we surrender our authority over it; we surrender our control, our choice. That means we surrender our liberty — and that's a sad thing. Americans, of all people, should know better!

I agree with Mark Hinkle, who said, "Liberty is the prize; responsibility is the price." We cannot have the prize if we will not pay the price! When we refuse to pay the price, we forfeit the prize!

There's one sentence in a book called *Gravity's Rainbow* that we should all keep in mind when thinking about government: "When they can get you asking the wrong questions, they don't have to worry about the answers."

When the government asks, "Wouldn't you like us to relieve you of your responsibilities," a lot of people reply, "Yes." But it's the wrong question — and that's why we keep getting wrong answers!

Michael The Price

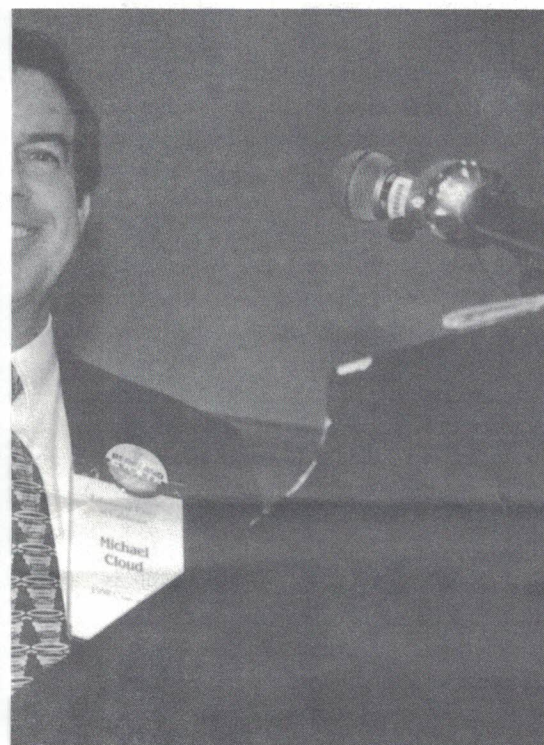


It's the same with freedom... When you ask most people if they'd like to have as much freedom as possible, they usually say, "Of course!" But if you ask them, "Do you want your neighbor to have the same level of freedom," they often say: "Hell, no! Are you kidding!? That guy should be locked up and fed raw meat under the door! I don't trust him!"

Next time, try asking this question instead: "Would you like your neighbor to be more responsible?"

You see, one of the reasons Libertarians get into trouble here is because we're not clear enough on the relationship between liberty and responsibility. Responsibility means that we're not punished for our sins, but by them. That's because reality has a nice system built into called *cause and effect*. If you get drunk, then *you* get

I Cloud: of Liberty



the hangover — not your neighbor! So most of us drink less. We all reap what we sow — unless the government makes others bear the consequences of our behavior.

The reason that most people act irresponsibly is because they are convinced that someone else will pick up the pieces. But responsible neighbors take care of their yards, don't make too much noise, and don't vote Republican or Democrat — these are good people! (*audience laughs and applauds*) Personal responsibility means we reap what we sow, and the quickest way to make people responsible is to free them!

If you're a young lady and you know that if you get pregnant, *you* will pay and care for the child — not your neighbors — then you are quickly going discover

two words: *birth control!* Or maybe just one word: *no!*

If liberty meant *license* — the freedom to do as you please without consequence — then we would all be against it! But license, not liberty, what we have now! Is that what we want? License encourages people to be irresponsible. The fundamental strength of liberty is that it encourages people to be virtuous. How do I know? Because I'm a Libertarian and I've thought it through!

In a free society, we are rewarded for our virtues and punished by our vices. In a government-dependency system, we are rewarded for our vices and punished for our virtues. What a twisted and perverse system that is! And what kind of people does it produce? Weak, irresponsible and reckless ones! You see, we have a fundamental choice between having a strong government and weak individuals, or a weak government and strong individuals. Which do you want? To ask the question is to know the answer.

There's a concept in Sanskrit called *Karma*, which is the equivalent to "as ye sow, so shall ye reap." If you want to know what you're sowing, then look at what you're reaping. In a free society, good actions reap good consequences; irresponsible actions stand in front of Darwin's machine — and wave goodbye!

I wrote a line, a number of years ago, that also applies here: "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always gotten." Do you like what you're getting? If not, you might want to try doing something different — because there's a corollary: "If you never do what you've never done, you'll never get what you've never gotten."

That's how a free market works. We're rewarded for serving the needs of others. A marketplace is a survival of the kindest. It teaches us to think of our neighbors; it makes us want to provide good things to others because we are rewarded for it.

Well, gee, if freedom is so doggone good, why doesn't everybody want it? Because we haven't asked the right questions! Do we want our neighbors to be strong and self-reliant? Do we want our children to be responsible assets to soci-

ety, or burdens and liabilities? That is the fundamental question.

Now, we Libertarians get so excited about liberty that we often give others the impression that we believe everything would be perfect in a libertarian society. Ladies and Gentlemen: rocks are hard, water is wet, and it just ain't so. Is there anybody here who believes that, under *any* system you can imagine, people will always do the right and good thing? Of course not. If we try to offer Utopia, people will know we're not being honest.

Instead, we must tell the truth: We can't promise Utopia — but we can promise a world where responsibility is rewarded and irresponsibility hurts. Not a perfect world, but a much better world than we have now. What about the less fortunate among us? They will see that working pays off; goofing off doesn't. They'll also see others succeeding all around them and realize that they too can succeed if they follow their example. That is what a return to personal responsibility will bring.

A number of years ago, a congressman said to me: "You Libertarians have a 24-karat gold product — freedom — and yet you can't even give it away! Why?" Well, I went home and I thought about it for a long time, because it was a damn good question. I think the answer is that we're not marketing our product very well. What we have here is a failure to persuasively communicate.

We need to help people realize that when we give away our responsibility for charity, we give away our personal tie to the less fortunate. I don't want to delegate my compassion; I want to embody it! When we give away responsibility for our golden years, we often don't plan for own future. When we give away the responsibility of educating our children to our teaching-disabled public schools, we cripple, corrupt and injure our children.

We must take back our responsibility by voting back our freedom. We must have liberty, not license!

Next time, instead of asking your friends and neighbors if they'd like to have more freedom, try asking them if they'd like to live (*continued next page*)

Michael Cloud

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in a society where everyone was more responsible. And when they speak in favor of another government welfare program, ask them: "Do people learn responsibility when they escape the consequences of their behavior, or when they reap what they sow?"

It's a simple system: good behavior gets rewarded; bad behavior gets punished. Nature created it that way; only government can turn it on its head.

I'd like to conclude by telling you a story... A number of years ago I visited my mom and dad. I got up one morning, wandered into the kitchen for coffee, and looked out the window at their plastic bird feeder. It was empty, and there was a little bird sittin' there with a "So, where the hell's the food?" look on his face.

So I asked my mom, "Where the hell's the food?" and she said: "Oh, the package is under the sink, but read the instructions before you refill it." That seemed silly — I mean, how complicated could it be?! (audience laughs) But, you know, sometimes your Mom knows best — and this was one of those times... So, I read the instructions and this is what it said: "When your bird-feeder runs out of food, do not refill it immediately; otherwise, it will cause the birds to depend upon you and they will not learn to fend for themselves." And, I thought: What a sad testament to America that the makers of a bird-feeder would care and understand more about self-reliance than the people who run the public schools, the people who run Social Security, and the people who voted in our welfare system!

You know, we've got the Statue of Liberty on one coast, but I wish we had another statue at this end of the country, here in California — a Statue of Responsibility; that would remind people that, without responsibility on one end and liberty on the other, what's in-between isn't worth much.

May your days be filled with responsibility and liberty, and may we all dance at the first Libertarian Presidential Inaugural. Thank You! ■

San Diego

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have required 2/3 approval to pass, but got just barely 50%.

The measure was promoted as a way to fund libraries, but local Libertarians argued that it was really just another tax — and San Diego voters agreed.

According to veteran Libertarian activist Richard Rider, "The Prop L supporters spent over \$1,000,000 pushing this measure, and they got whopped! Throughout the county, Libertarians are getting the lion's share of the credit for the defeat of this tax increase. Victory is indeed sweet!"

Fellow activist Edward Teyssier agreed: "This is a crushing blow to the 350 local political groups and politicians that opposed the San Diego Libertarian Party — and a terrific victory for us!"

According to Rider, San Diego Libertarians had another reason to oppose Prop. L: "Politicians called this special election four months after the regular November, 1998 election specifically to get a low voter turnout — hoping that the tax hike beneficiaries would turn out in droves while most voters would not bother. We wanted to drive a stake through the heart of special elections, and we think we were successful."

The Libertarian Party received an enormous amount of publicity as a result of their anti-Prop. L stance. Letters to the editors of local papers reflected the widespread public perception that San Diego Libertarians were either the heroes or villains of the Prop. L battle, depending on the writer's viewpoint. The opposition press regularly denigrated the anti-L camp as "Libertarians."

"We couldn't be happier with all the free plugs!" said Rider.

Rider closed with some advice for Libertarians activists throughout the state: "Whenever and wherever such measures go to the ballot, Libertarians should rally together and get out front in providing the opposition. We are widely known by voters as the tax-fighters in San Diego County, and other Libertarians can do the same in their areas!" ■

FFF Comes West

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Other speakers will include FFF founder and president, Jacob G. Hornberger, one of the most dynamic voices in the libertarian movement. Richard M. Ebeling, vice president of academic affairs for FFF and Professor of Economics at Hillsdale College, will also speak.

The Future of Freedom Foundation's motto is "We Don't Compromise" — and they sure don't! Through its hard-hitting publications, the organization has earned a well-deserved reputation for presenting libertarian ideas in a forceful and inspiring manner. Those who attend the FFF seminar in Anaheim will no doubt have minds stimulated and spirits lifted.

The Sheraton Anaheim, 1015 West Ball Road in Anaheim. Fee for the event is \$35.00, which will include lunch. Reservations can be made by contacting the FFF by e-mail (FFFVA@compuserve.com) or telephone (703-934-6101). You can also write them at FFF, 11350 Random Hills Road, Suite 800, Fairfax, VA 22030. The FFF website is located at < <http://www.fff.org>>. ■

Green Party Victory

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time that voters are becoming increasingly frustrated with the Democrats and Republicans, and yesterday's election demonstrated that," Hinkle said. "Libertarians congratulate Bock and, as voter frustration with the two major parties continues to worsen, we look forward to joining her in the Legislature soon."

The LPC ran 38 Assembly candidates in last November's election compared with two Green Party candidates. Maureen Lindberg of San Bernardino, the Libertarian candidate for the 63rd Assembly District, received 26,622 votes (28.27%) in a two-way race against Assemblyman Bill Leonard — the highest vote total for any third party Assembly candidate last year. ■

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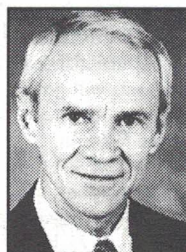
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